Introduction

This Prince Edward Island fishery statistical brochure is designed to present the most current information available on the fishing industry . In terms of economics the fishery ranks third in the province behind agriculture and tourism. The fishery landed weight in 2013 exceeded 117 million pounds and a landed value in excess of $156 million. The value to the economy of the Province exceeds $312 million. The industry employs as many as 8,500 people at peak production.

Prince Edward Island
Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development

General Information

No. of Commercial Fishermen		4,151
No. of Fishing Vessels - inshore		1,356
No. of Licenced Lobster Fishermen		1,247
No. of Licensed Groundfish Fishermen		800
No. of Licensed Mackerel Fishermen		1,260
No. of Licensed Herring Fishermen		868
No. of Provincially Licensed and Federally Registered Export Plants		42
No. of Provincially Licensed Non-Export Plants		20
No. of Major Shellfish Shippers		19
No. of Finfish Culture Sites		4
No. of Oyster leases on bottom	5681 acres	751
No. of Oyster leases off bottom	2123 acres	214
No. of Mussel leases	11233 acres	316

Value of Fishery to P.E.I. Economy =
Approximately $312 Million

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Landed Weight (000s lbs.)

	2012	2013
Groundfish	289	201
Pelagic & Estuarial	23,245	19,696
Molluscs & Crustaceans	96,646	92,619
Seaplants	5,554	4,990
Total	**125,734**	**117,506**

Landings and Value of Major Species - 2013

	000s lbs.	Metric Tons	000s $
Cod	18	8	16
Flounder	24	11	14
Blackbacks	77	35	83
Halibut	81	37	382
Tuna	337	153	2,299
Mackerel	1,198	544	410
Herring	17,181	7,795	4,467
Gaspereaux	66	30	38
Eels	265	120	690
Smelts	10	5	7
Silversides	638	289	479
Cultured Finfish	0	0	3,000
Lobster	28,769	13,053	91,385
Bar Clams	951	431	475
Soft-Shell Clams	835	379	767
Quahaugs	1,386	629	1,275
Scallops	934	424	1,007
Mussels	44,113	20,015	28,673
Oysters	7,226	3,279	8,672
Snow Crab	4,322	1,961	9,743
Rock Crab	4,084	1,853	1,989
Irish Moss	4,991	2,265	733
TOTAL FISH AND MARINE PLANTS	**117,506**	**53,315**	**156,604**

Landed Value (000s $)

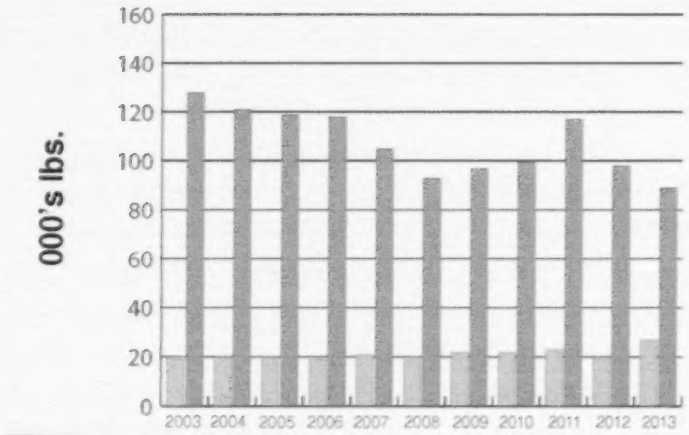
	2012	2013
Groundfish	472	496
Pelagic & Estuarial	13,441	11,390
Molluscs & Crustaceans	166,876	143,985
Seaplants	695	733
Total	181,484	156,604

Lobster Landings and Values

V= Values in 000s $ Q= Quantity in million lbs.

		Q	V
Avg. 30's		7.8	503.8
Avg. 40's		6.6	1,102.3
Avg. 50's		8.3	2,234.8
Avg. 60's		8.6	4,188.9
Avg. 70's		8.7	9,368.3
Avg. 80's		16.1	33,857.5
1990s	1990	22.5	40,348.0
	1991	22.8	48,521.9
	1992	19.6	58,068.0
	1993	19.8	51,712.0
	1994	18.9	65,398.0
	1995	19.3	79,242.0
	1996	17.9	61,319.0
	1997	17.6	70,614.0
	1998	18.9	80,553.0
	1999	18.4	88,778.0
Avg 90's		**19.6**	**62,455.3**
2000s	2000	19.1	87,769.0
	2001	19.3	104,831.0
	2002	19.9	105,339.0
	2003	20.0	108,308.0
	2004	19.9	100,099.0
	2005	18.5	103,222.0
	2006	21.5	113,391.0
	2007	20.1	108,647.0
	2008	21.9	100,740.0
	2009	22.9	71,895.0
	2010	23.8	82,382.0
	2011	20.7	79,595.0
	2012	27.2	113,756.0
	2013	**28.7**	**91,385.0**

PEI Fish Landings - 2003 to 2013



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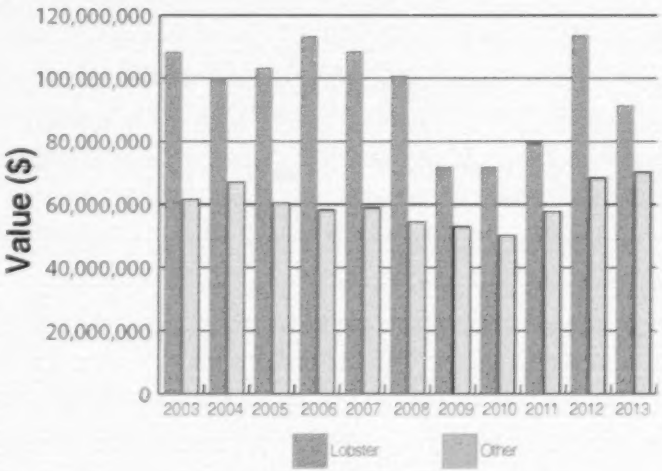


Crab Landings 2009-2013 (lbs.)

	Snow	Rock
2009	4,329,835	4,527,835
2010	1,818,498	4,607,542
2011	2,189,772	4,724,329
2012	3,777,652	4,280,726
2013	4,322,034	4,084,474

Top 10 Species By Value

	2012 SPECIES	(~000's $)		2013 SPECIES	(~000's $)
1.	Lobster	113,756	1.	Lobster	91,385
2.	Mussels	30,014	2.	Mussels	28,673
3.	Snow Crab	9,411	3.	Snow Crab	9,743
4.	Oysters	7,617	4.	Oysters	8,671
5.	Herring	5,467	5.	Herring	4,467
6.	Cultured Finfish	3,200	6.	Cultured Finfish	3,000
7.	Bluefin Tuna	2,535	7.	Bluefin Tuna	2,299
8.	Rock Crab	1,900	8.	Rock Crab	1,989
9.	Quahaugs	1,543	9.	Quahaugs	1,275
10.	Scallops	1,046	10.	Scallops	1,007

Top 10 Species By Weight

	2012 SPECIES	000s lbs.		2013 SPECIES	000s lbs.
1.	Mussels	50,023	1.	Mussels	44,112
2.	Lobster	27,235	2.	Lobster	28,768
3.	Herring	19,928	3.	Herring	17,180
4.	Oysters	6,143	4.	Oysters	7,226
5.	Rock Crab	4,280	5.	Irish Moss	4,990
6.	Snow Crab	3,777	6.	Snow Crab	4,322
7.	Mackerel	2,168	7.	Rock Crab	4,084
8.	Quahaugs	1,714	8.	Quahaugs	1,385
9.	Bar Clams	1,318	9.	Mackerel	1,198
10.	Soft Shell Clams	1,066	10.	Bar Clams	950

Lobster Landings (lbs.) – 2013

	Canners	Markets	Total
LFA 24	9,479,995	7,330,505	16,810,500
LFA 26A	3,042,286	4,139,431	7,181,717
LFA 25	2,624,689	2,151,911	4,776,600
		Total	**28,768,817**

LFA 24 – North Cape to East Point
(Season: May 01 to June 30)

LFA 26A – East Point to Victoria
(Season: May 01 to June 30)

LFA 25 – Victoria to North Cape
(Season: August 9 to October 10)

PEI Aquaculture Production 1993 – 2013

Landings (lbs.)

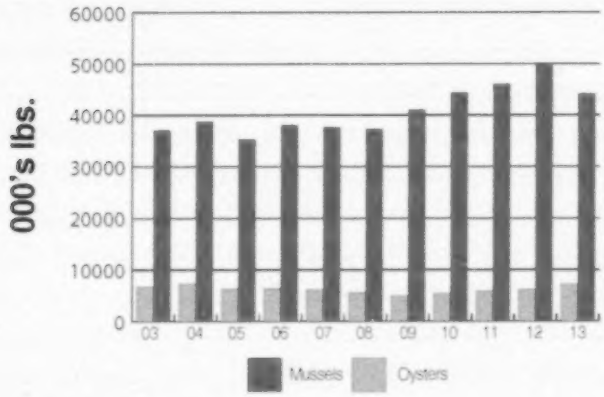
Year	Oysters	Mussels	Finfish	Total
1993	2,657,645	10,555,626	107,462	**13,320,733**
1994	3,424,836	13,112,208	117,692	**16,654,736**
1995	3,952,397	16,468,177	130,180	**20,550,754**
1996	3,695,705	19,442,519	140,760	**23,278,984**
1997	3,149,563	21,993,112	207,920	**25,265,966**
1998	4,351,746	27,472,459	218,852	**32,043,057**
1999	5,342,301	30,626,539	180,526	**36,149,366**
2000	6,022,545	39,459,453	168,000	**45,649,998**
2001	6,031,400	38,599,186	195,640	**44,826,226**
2002	6,028,835	37,003,701	72,080	**43,104,616**
2003	6,694,693	37,102,487	53,552	**43,850,732**
2004	7,352,700	38,747,715	44,305	**46,144,720**
2005	6,281,054	35,350,173	24,000	**41,655,227**
2006	6,439,913	38,025,462	22,500	**44,487,875**
2007	6,183,797	37,645,688	30,000	**43,859,485**
2008	5,653,918	37,301,880	9,000	**42,964,798**
2009	5,028,503	41,091,361	0	**46,119,864**
2010	5,462,146	44,338,470	0	**49,800,616**
2011	5,913,310	46,062,700	0	**51,976,010**
2012	6,143,281	50,023,365	0	**56,166,646**
2013	**7,226,162**	**44,112,789**	**0**	**51,338,951**

Note: Oyster landings include the public oyster fishery and lease production.

Values (000s)$

Year	Oysters	Mussels	Finfish	Total
1993	2,227	4,972	406	**7,605**
1994	3,275	6,321	487	**10,083**
1995	3,070	8,596	532	**12,198**
1996	2,945	10,693	806	**14,444**
1997	3,181	12,096	817	**16,094**
1998	4,447	15,110	882	**20,439**
1999	5,075	16,845	786	**22,706**
2000	6,324	21,703	733	**28,760**
2001	6,273	23,160	811	**30,244**
2002	5,727	22,202	892	**28,821**
2003	7,431	23,597	852	**31,880**
2004	6,670	23,249	3,256	**33,175**
2005	5,527	21,422	1,888	**28,837**
2006	7,793	22,813	1,311	**31,917**
2007	6,702	21,777	1,684	**30,163**
2008	5,654	22,381	1,624	**29,659**
2009	5,075	24,655	1,828	**33,567**
2010	5,844	26,603	2,200	**36,657**
2011	6,622	26,716	3,700	**37,038**
2012	7,617	30,014	3,200	**40,831**
2013	**8,671**	**28,673**	**3,000**	**40,344**

PEI Mussel and Oyster Landings 2003 to 2013



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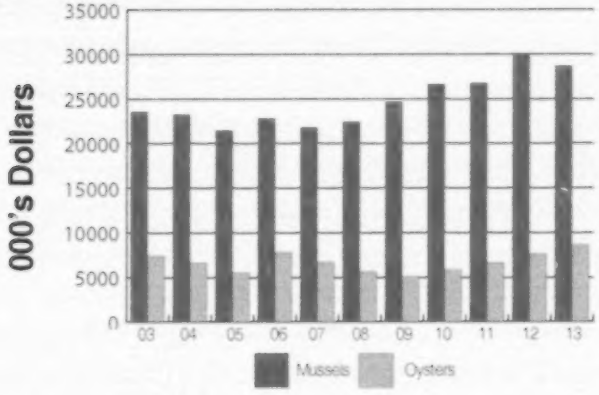

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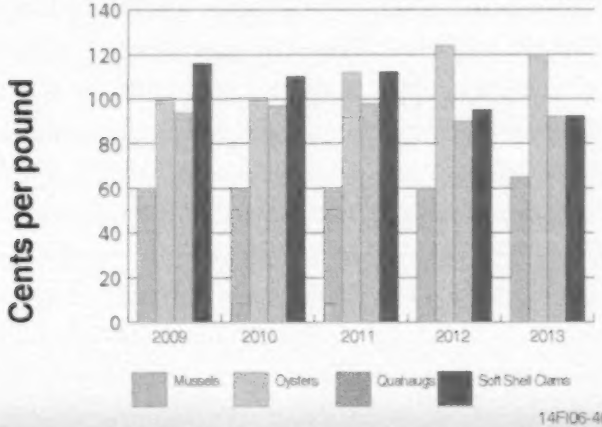

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